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Applicants : Hamzeh Karami et al.

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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c)

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c) for withdrawal from issue to consider the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the Amendment Accompanying RCE attached thereto. A check is enclosed to cover the petition fee set forth in Section 1.17(h). Upon review of a related U.S. application, applicants' undersigned attorney had discovered an error in the priority claim for the present application. That error was not discovered earlier since it was assumed that the priority claim was correct. The undersigned attorney's firm also had taken over prosecution of this application from another law firm in late 2003, shortly before an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on April 8, 2004 and the issue fee was paid on May 3, 2004. It is necessary that the application be withdrawn from issuance to correct the priority claim. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the

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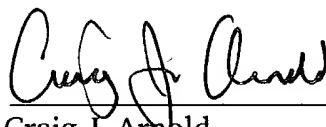
application from issue so that the RCE and the accompanying Amendment can be considered.

No fee other than \$130 petition fee is deemed necessary in connection with this Petition. If any additional fee is required to preserve the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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